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Box PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 381HI/50780

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT SYSTEM
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT
METHOD

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 14 claims (pages 1-50).
2. 11 Sheets of formal drawings showing Figs. 1-11.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4. ✓ Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
5. Preliminary Amendment.
6. Certified copy of Priority Document 2001-073349 filed in Japan on March 15, 2001, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
7. X Information Disclosure Statement w/1 reference.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$370/740 =	\$740.00
Total Claims	<u>18</u>	- 20 =	<u>0</u>	x	\$ 9/18 =	\$
Independent Claims	<u>6</u>	- 3 =	<u>3</u>	x	\$42/84 =	\$252.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented					\$140/280 =	\$
Total Filing Fee						<u>\$992.00</u>

Two checks in the amount of \$992.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381HI/50780). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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